27th March 1929]

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"What is the law of the land, may I know?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I cannot go into that now."

Alleged misappropriation of Pithapuram Taluk Board properties.

*2003 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether criminal complaints were filed against the President of the Taluk Board, Pithapuram, for misappropriation of Board properties, etc. ;
(b) whether the cases were withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor ;
(c) if so, why ; and
(d) whether any, and if so, what action is going to be taken by the Government in this matter ?

A.—(a) Two members of the Pithapuram Taluk Board brought to the notice of the Government that the President, Taluk Board, Pithapuram, who was also Tanedar of the Pithapuram Estate, had credited certain taluk board revenues to the Pithapuram Estate and that two criminal complaints had been filed against the President before the Second-class Magistrate, Pithapuram. The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenues did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) The Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know who made this enquiry?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Which enquiry, Sir?"

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"With reference to clauses (b) and (c) the Government say that they have no information. But in reply to clause (a) they say : "The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenue did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*." May I know whether in the course of that enquiry they did not come across or stumble upon what happens in the law courts?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Who made this enquiry about misappropriation, Sir."

The hon Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I think it is the President of the District Board."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

*2004 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on a complaint made that the Tanjore District Board has not been properly administering the Tanjore Raja's